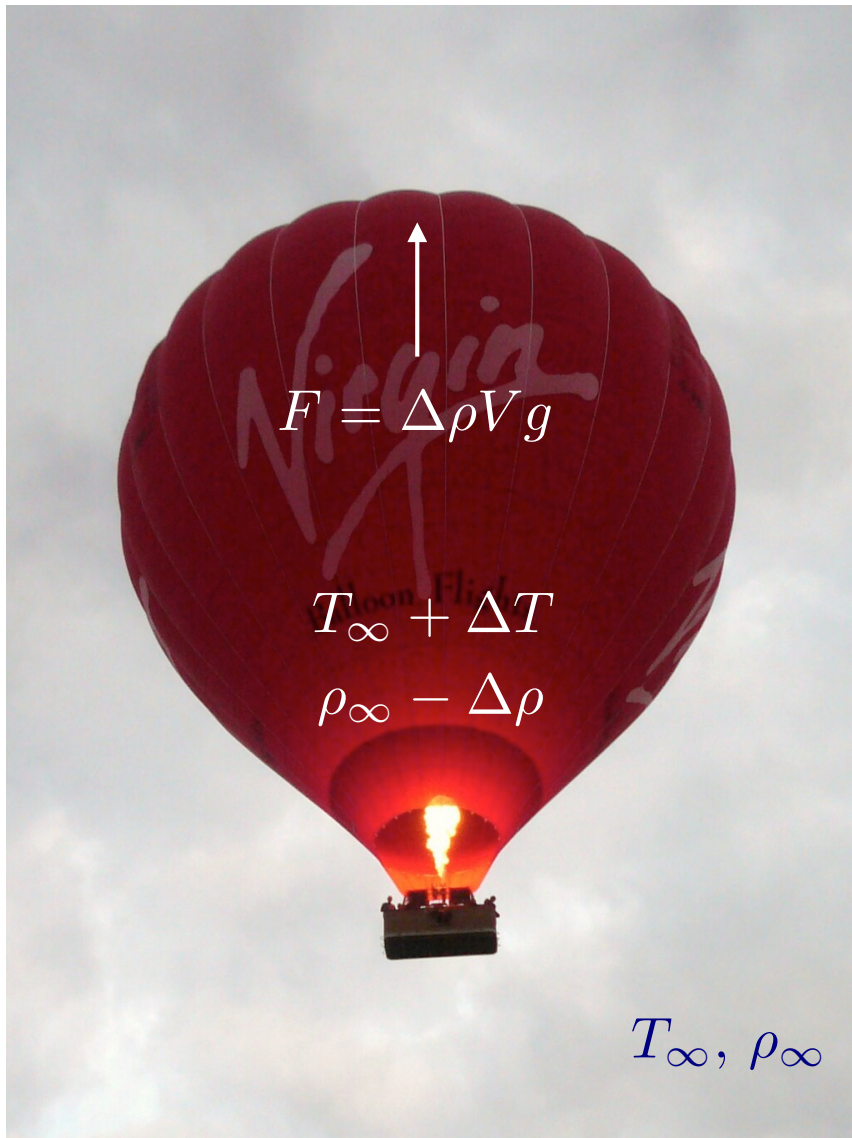


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Principle: hot air balloon (montgolfière)



Thermal expansion coefficient:

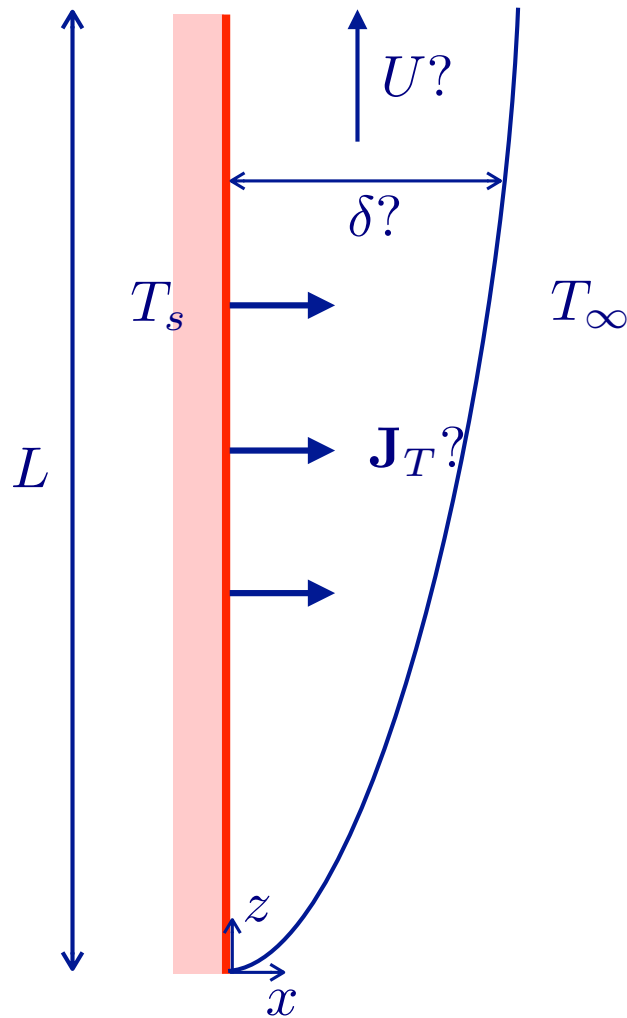
$$\rho(T) = \rho_\infty (1 - \beta(T - T_\infty))$$

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T}$$

hot fluid rises up
 \Rightarrow natural convection \leftrightarrow gravity

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Simplified configuration: vertical wall



$$U_\infty = 0$$

Fluid flow induced by temperature contrast
 \Rightarrow 1st approximation, single boundary layer

We need to solve 2 coupled equations:

Flow equation:

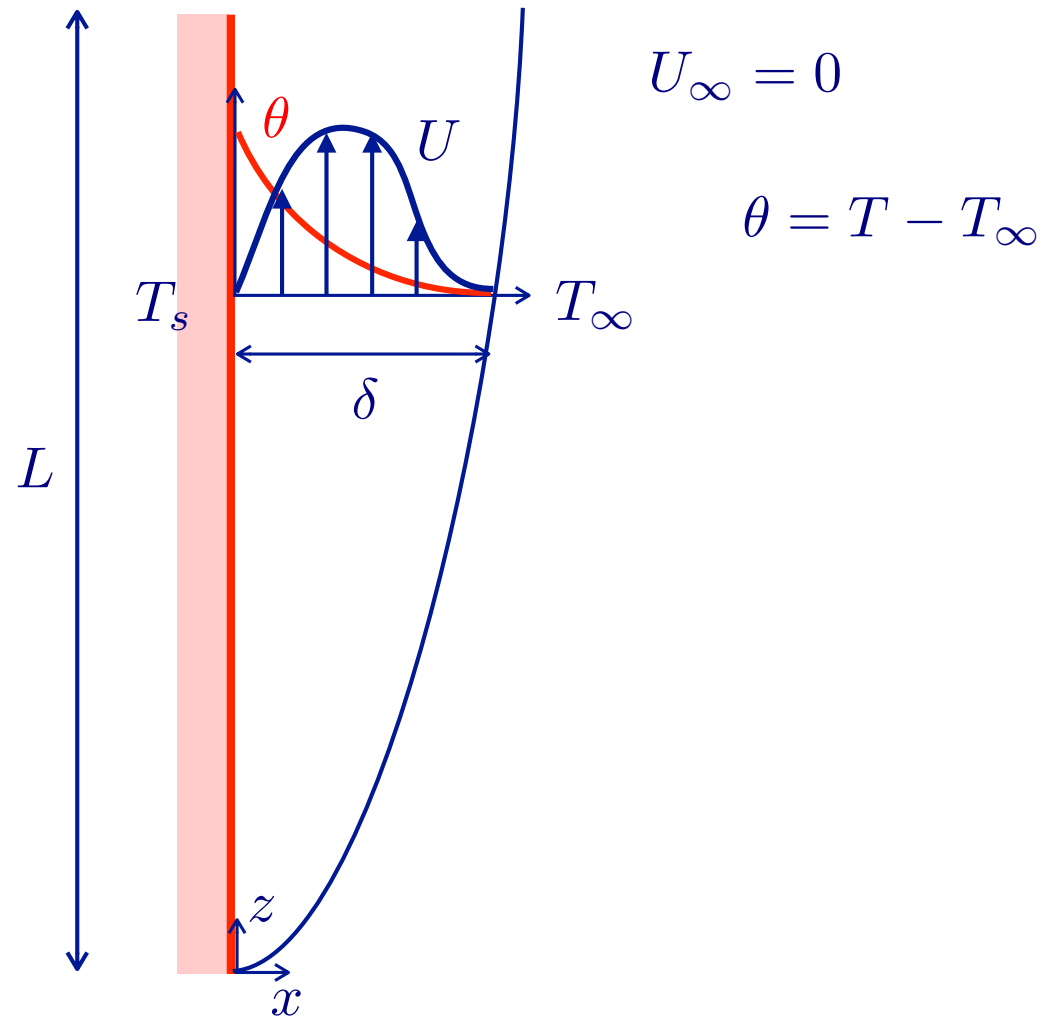
$$\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \rho (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla P + \eta \Delta \mathbf{u} + \rho_\infty (1 - \beta (T - T_\infty)) \mathbf{g}$$

Heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) T = \alpha \Delta T$$

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Profiles in the boundary layer



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Doing our best to simplify !

$$\cancel{\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t}} + \rho (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla P + \eta \Delta \mathbf{u} + \rho_{\infty} (1 - \beta (T - T_{\infty})) \mathbf{g}$$

steady Boussinesq approximation: $\rho \simeq \rho_{\infty}$
except in $\rho \mathbf{g}$

for a uniform temperature $\mathbf{u} = 0$ and $T = T_{\infty} \Rightarrow -\nabla P + \rho_{\infty} \mathbf{g} = 0$

We assume to get the same ∇P in the presence of convection (1st order approximation)

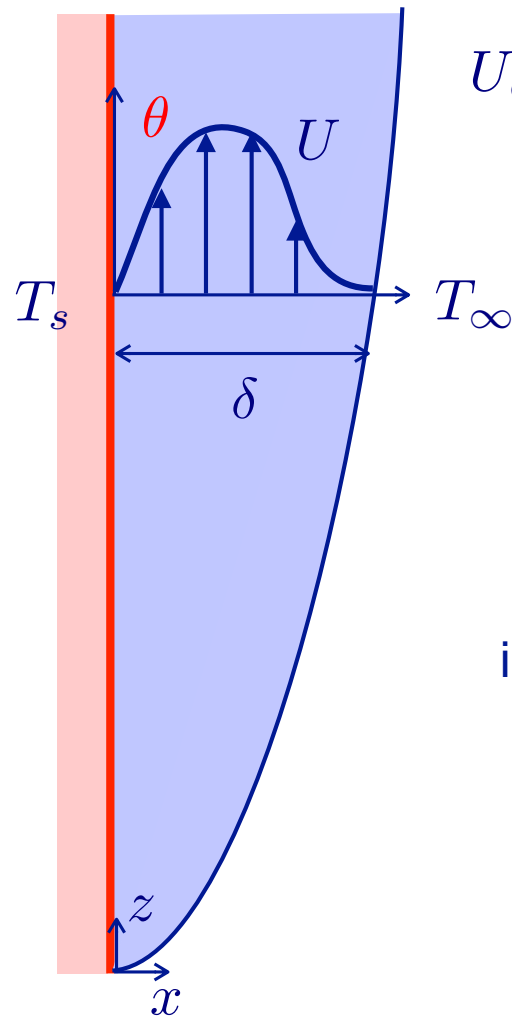
Remains $\rho_{\infty} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \simeq \eta \Delta \mathbf{u} + \rho_{\infty} \beta \theta \mathbf{g}$ with $\theta = T - T_{\infty}$

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t}} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \theta = \alpha \Delta \theta$$

steady

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Balance shear force on the wall / buoyancy force



shear stress $\sigma = \eta \left. \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0}$

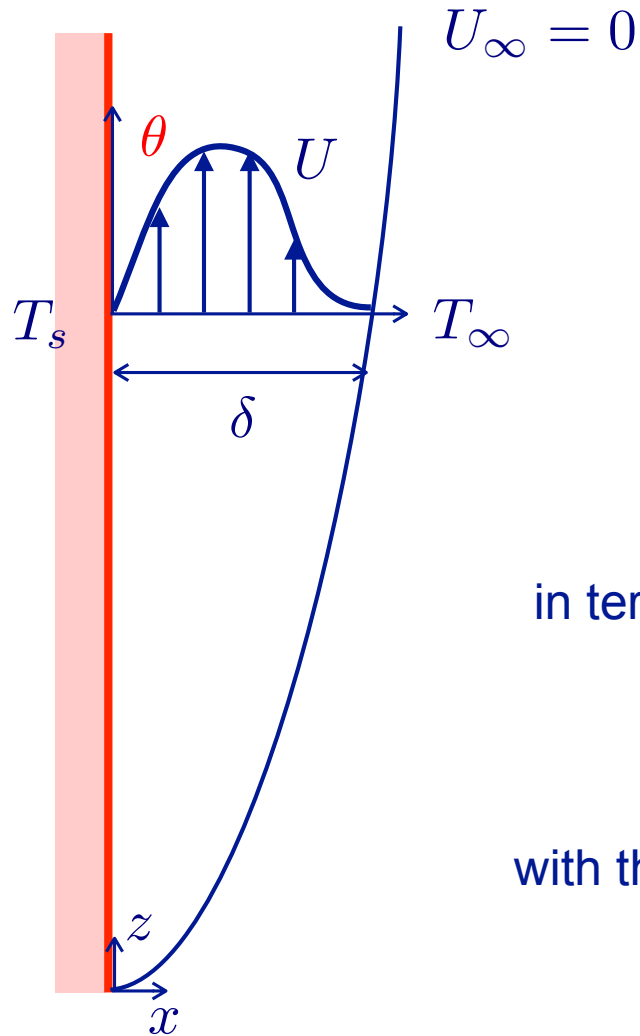
$$W \int_0^z \eta \left. \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} dz = W \int_0^z \rho_\infty g \beta \theta \delta(z) dz$$

in terms of scaling: $\eta \frac{U}{\delta} \sim \rho_\infty g \beta \theta \delta$

$$U \sim \frac{g \beta \theta \delta^2}{\nu}$$

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Heat equation



$$\cancel{\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t}} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \theta = \alpha \Delta \theta$$

we consider $u_z \gg u_x$

and $z \gg \delta$

$$u_z \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} \simeq \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2}$$

in terms of scaling:

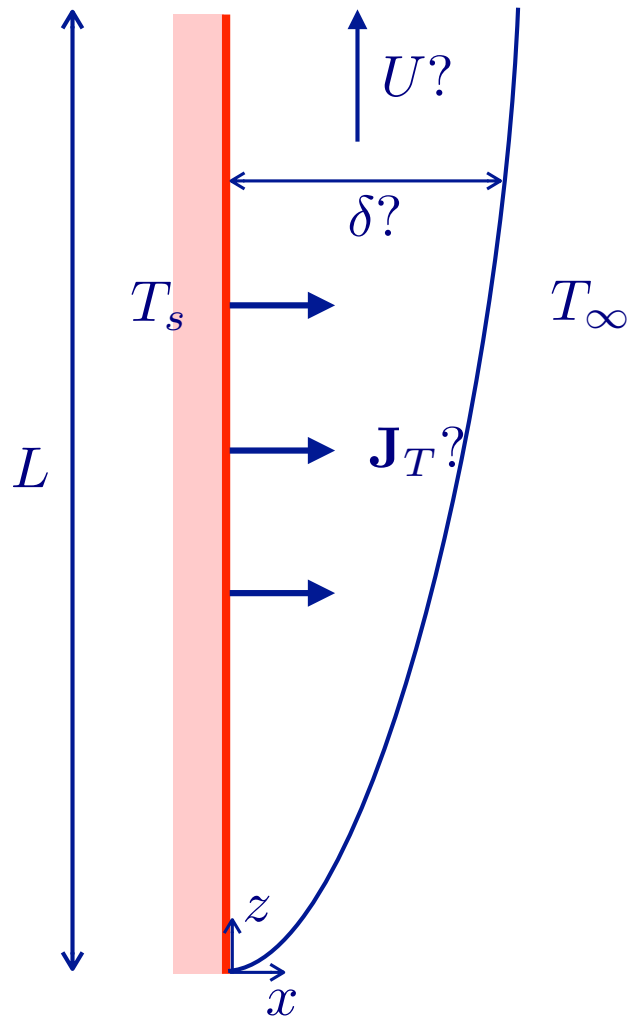
$$\frac{U}{z} \sim \frac{\alpha}{\delta^2}$$

with the previous relation: $\frac{g\beta\theta\delta^2}{\nu z} \sim \frac{\alpha}{\delta^2}$

$$\delta \sim \left(\frac{\nu \alpha}{\beta \theta g} z \right)^{1/4}$$

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Getting the heat flux



$$U_\infty = 0$$

$$J_T = \kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \sim \kappa \frac{\theta}{\delta} \sim \kappa \frac{\theta}{L} \text{Nu}$$

$$\text{Nu} \sim \text{Ra}^{1/4}$$

Rayleigh number:

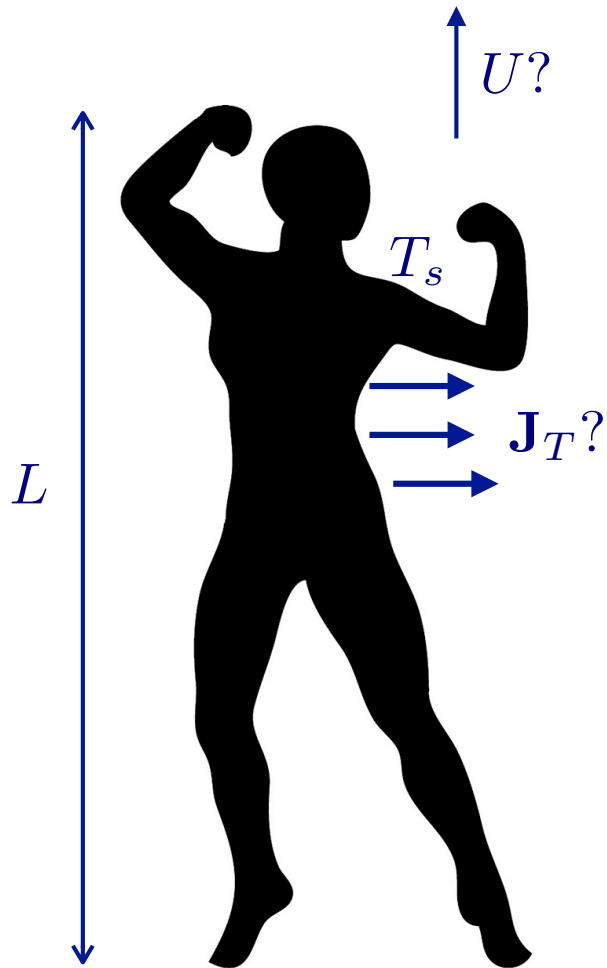
$$\text{Ra} = \frac{\beta g L^3 \theta}{\nu \alpha}$$

convection velocity:

$$U \sim (\beta g \theta z)^{1/2}$$

6.1 Human plume

Getting the heat flux



$$T_\infty$$
$$U_\infty = 0$$

Naked human: confort for

$$T_\infty \sim 27^\circ\text{C} \Rightarrow \theta \sim 10^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{Ra} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{10} \Rightarrow \text{Nu} \sim 400$$

$$h_T = \frac{\kappa}{L} \text{Nu} \sim 6.5 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

$$J_T = h_T (T_s - T_\infty) \sim 65 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$S \simeq 1.6 \text{ m}^2$$

$$P = J_T S \simeq 100 \text{ W}$$

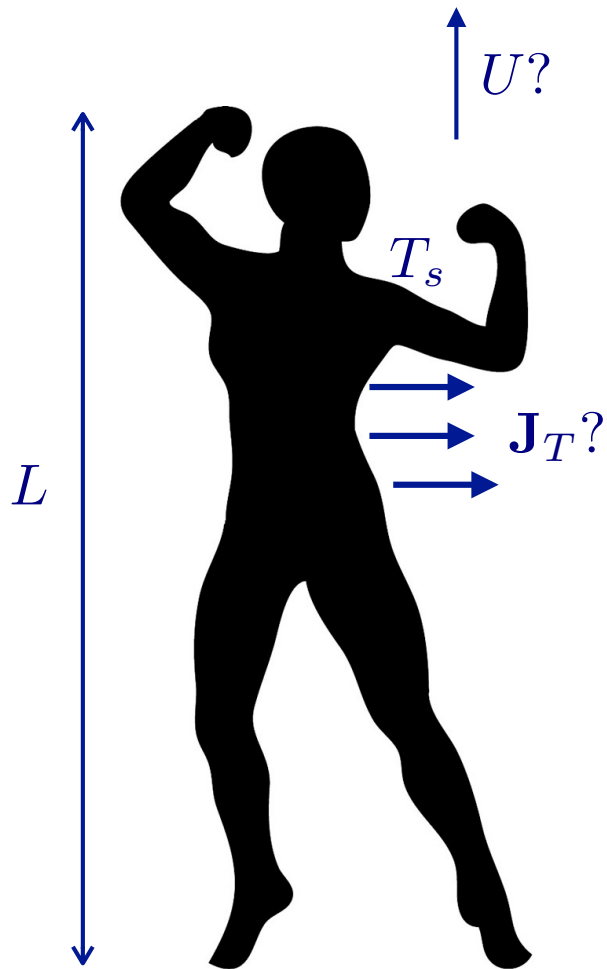
good order of magnitude

6.1 Human plume

with a sweater: same $T_s - T_\infty \sim 10^\circ\text{C}$

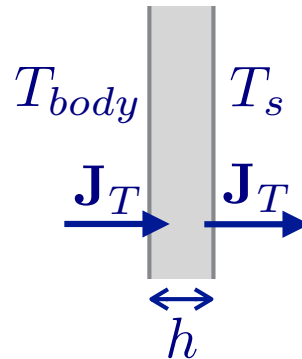
could be $T_\infty \sim 17^\circ\text{C}$ and $T_s \sim 27^\circ\text{C}$

compatible IR imaging



T_∞
 $U_\infty = 0$

Thickness of the sweater?



$$J_T = \frac{\kappa_{wool}}{h} (T_{body} - T_s)$$

$$\kappa_{wool} \sim 0.05 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$$

$$h \sim 8 \text{ mm}$$

6.2 Dissolution of a lollipop

water



$t = 0$ min

1 cm

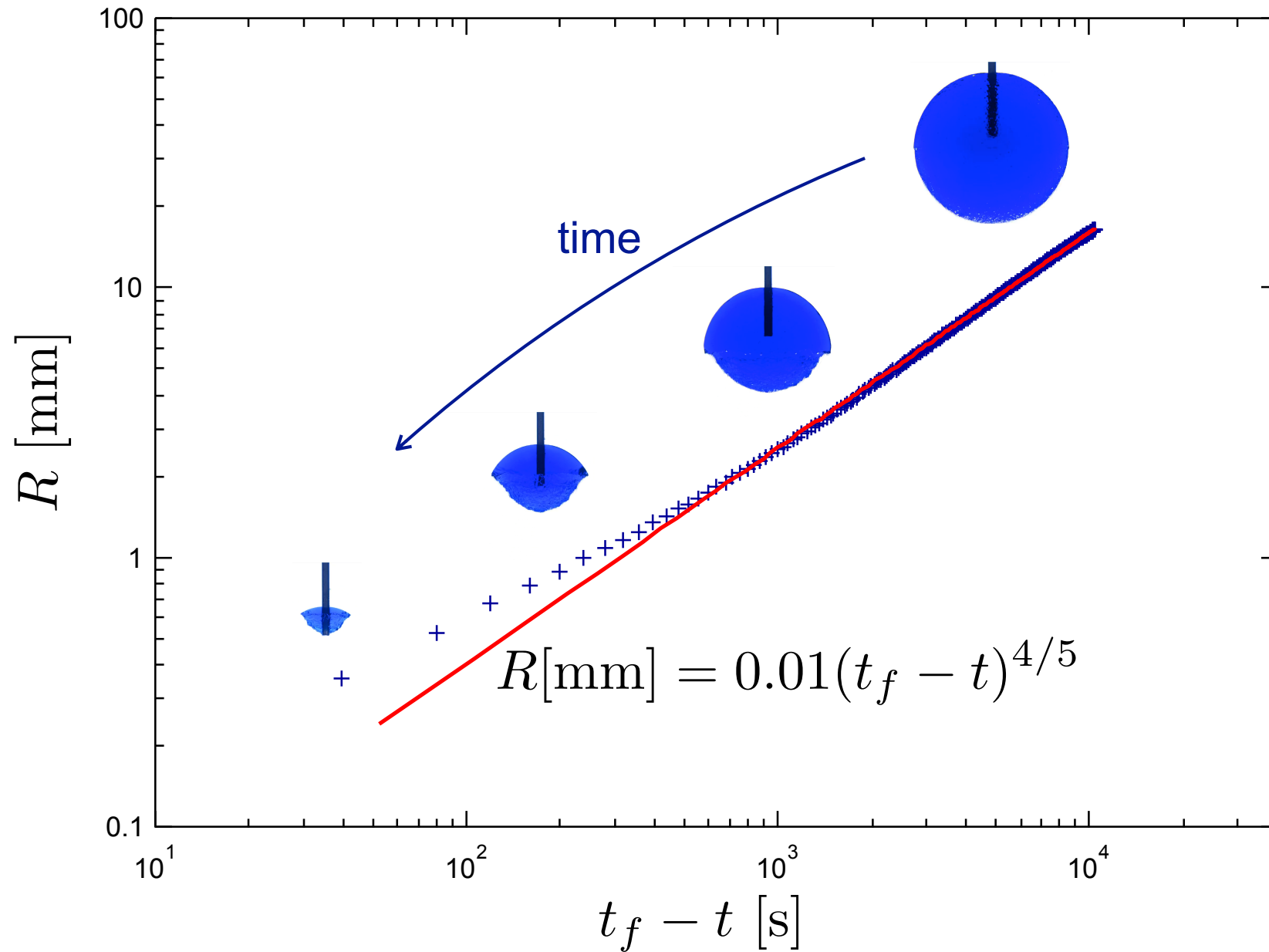
$t = 0$ min

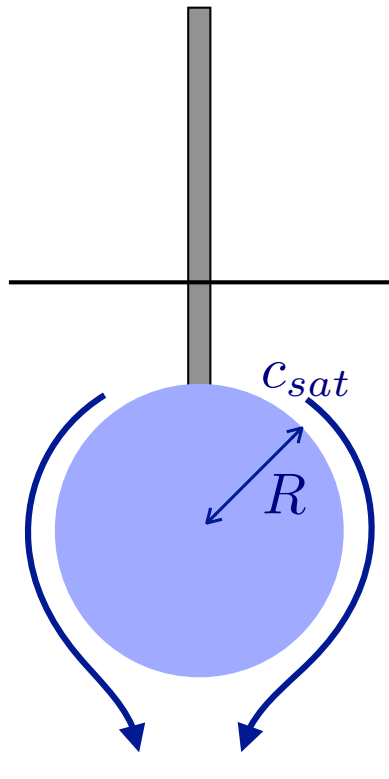
1 cm



shadowgraph

6.2 Dissolution of a lollipop





At the surface of the lollipop $c = c_{sat}$ (mass concentration)

liquid density: $\rho = \rho_0 + c = \rho_0 (1 + c/\rho_0)$

\updownarrow
 $\beta\theta$

$$Ra = \frac{g c_{sat} / \rho_0 R^3}{\nu D}$$

$$J_m \sim \frac{D}{R} (c_{sat} - 0) \left(\frac{g c_{sat} / \rho_0 R^3}{\nu D} \right)^{1/4}$$

mass conservation: $\frac{dm}{dt} = -\rho_s 4\pi R^2 \frac{dR}{dt} = 4\pi R^2 J_m$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} \sim -\frac{D c_{sat}}{\rho_s} \left(\frac{g c_{sat} / \rho_0}{\nu D} \right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{R^{1/4}}$$

$$\frac{dR/R_0}{dt} \sim - \frac{Dc_{sat}}{\rho_s R_0} \left(\frac{g c_{sat}/\rho_0}{\nu D R_0} \right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{(R/R_0)^{1/4}}$$

$$1 - (R/R_0)^{5/4} = t/\tau \quad \text{with} \quad \tau \sim \frac{\rho_s R_0}{Dc_{sat}} \left(\frac{\nu D R_0}{g c_{sat}/\rho_0} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$R = R_0 (1 - t/\tau)^{4/5}$$

Comparison with experiment: exponent 4/5 → OK

$$R_0 = 3 \text{ cm} \quad c_{sat} = 0.3 \text{ g/cm}^3 \quad \rho_s = 1.43 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

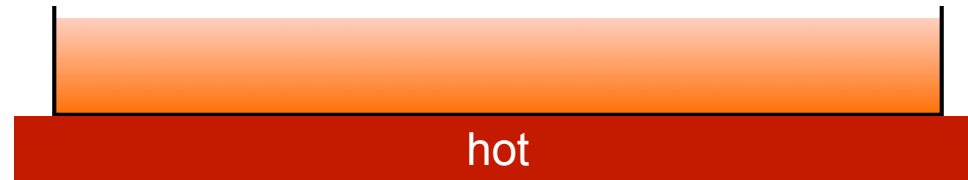
$$D \simeq 4.3 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \quad (\text{sucrose in pure water})$$

$$\nu = 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \quad (\text{pure water}) \leftrightarrow 8 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \quad (\text{saturated sucrose})$$

$$\tau \simeq 250 \text{ min} \quad \text{with} \quad \nu_{water}$$

experiment: $\tau \simeq 175 \text{ min}$

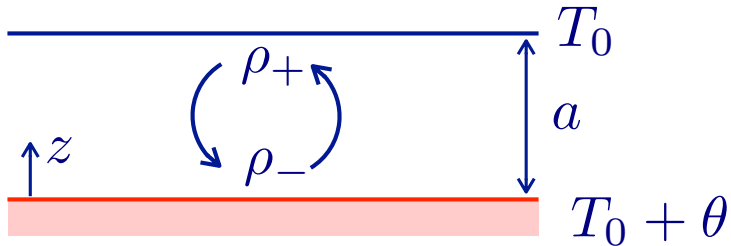
7. Rayleigh-Bénard instability



<https://youtu.be/nQUH9nGTZTY>

→ course on Instabilities: Laurent Duchemin

Rayleigh-Bénard instability



temperature profile:

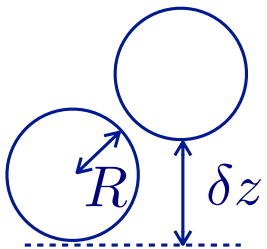
$$T(z) = T_0 + \theta - \theta z/a$$

density profile:

$$\rho(z) = \rho_0 (1 - \beta(T(z) - T_0))$$

$$\rho(z) = \rho_0 (1 - \beta(\theta - \theta z/a))$$

light at the bottom \Rightarrow unstable?



After a perturbation a blob of size R moves up by δz

mismatch with ambient density: $\delta \rho = -\rho_0 \beta \frac{\theta}{a} \delta z$

buoyancy force: $\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \delta \rho g = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho_0 g \beta \frac{\theta}{a} \delta z$

Buoyancy balanced by viscous drag (we assume $Re \ll 1$)

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho_0 g \beta \frac{\theta}{a} \delta z = 6\pi\eta R U$$

$$U = \frac{d\delta z}{dt} = \frac{9}{2} \frac{\rho_0 g R^2}{\eta} \beta \frac{\theta}{a} \delta z$$

$$\delta z(t) = \delta z_0 \exp(t/\tau_{conv}) \quad \text{with} \quad \tau_{conv} \sim \frac{\eta}{\rho_0 g R^2} \frac{a}{\beta \theta}$$

As the blob rises up, thermal diffusion attenuates θ

$$\tau_{diff} \sim \frac{R^2}{\alpha}$$

Unstable if $\tau_{diff} \gg \tau_{conv}$ $\frac{R^2}{\alpha} \gg \frac{\eta}{\rho_0 g R^2} \frac{a}{\beta \theta}$

$$\frac{gR^4\beta\theta}{\nu\alpha a} \gg 1$$

The bigger the blob, the more instable \Rightarrow most unstable configuration $R \sim a$

Unstable if

$$Ra = \frac{ga^3\beta\theta}{\nu\alpha} > Ra_c$$

Lecture from L. Duchemin $Ra_c \sim 1000$

estimate with $\theta = 50^\circ\text{C}$

	β [K ⁻¹]	ν [m ² /s]	α [m ² /s]	$\beta/\nu\alpha$ [s ² m ⁻² K ⁻¹]	a_c [mm]
air	3.4 10 ⁻³	1.5 10 ⁻⁵	2 10 ⁻⁵	10 ⁷	6
water	2 10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻⁶	1.4 10 ⁻⁷	1.4 10 ⁹	1
glycerin	4.8 10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻⁷	5 10 ⁶	7